

The History of Hot-Air Ballooning (audio)

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Listen between 9:35 and 12:45, as a hot-air balloonist talks about the origins of his sport.

Mark the sentences 'T' (true) or 'F' (false) according to what he says.

1. Joseph Montgolfier experimented with paper bags and a fire to test whether hot air rises.

T / F

2. One of the three animals transported in the first hot air balloon was injured during the flight.

T / F

3. The balloon attained a maximum height of 600 metres.

T / F

4. The Montgolfier brothers approached Marie Antoinette with their invention.

T / F

5. Louis XVI wanted an aristocrat to be the first human to fly in a balloon.

T / F

6. Hydrogen balloons were also being experimented with at this time.

T / F

7. On November 21, 1783, large crowds followed the Montgolfier balloon into Paris.

T / F

8. One disadvantage of the hot air balloon was the smell.

T / F

9. The first balloonists carried champagne with them as proof of their identity.

T / F

(10) The tradition is still observed by balloonists today.

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